

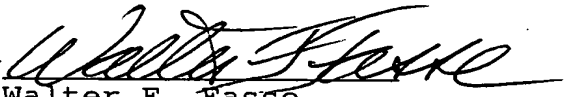
REMARKS:

- 1) This amendment merely cancels the multiple-dependent claims in order to reduce the filing fee and avoid improper multiple-multiple-dependencies.
- 2) After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which adds new claims 15 to 26 for examination.

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